

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DENNIS ROBINSON,	:	1:21-CV-00928
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Petitioner,	:	(Magistrate Judge Schwab)
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v.	:	
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LAUREL HARRY,	:	
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Respondent	:	

ORDER

December 7, 2021

Robinson, through counsel, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, and he subsequently filed a memorandum of law in support of his petition. On November 23, 2021, the respondent filed “Respondent’s Combined Response and Memorandum in Support of Response to Petitioner’s Writ of Habeas Corpus.” *Doc. 23*. Soon thereafter, the petitioner filed a reply. *Doc. 24*. The petitioner asserts that respondent’s 56-page response “almost entirely fails to address the claims before this Court[,]” and “[a]part from one or two paragraphs sprinkled throughout, the Response appears to have been cut and pasted from other pleadings which themselves addressed legal claims not before this Court.” *Id.* at 1. The petitioner contends that it is impossible for him to reply to the response on the merits. *Id.* at 2. And he suggests that the court view the respondent’s response as a concession that habeas relief should be granted. *Id.* at 2–3. The petitioner also

suggests that the court may wish to order the district attorney to clarify his position.
Id. at 3.

We do not agree with the petitioner that the respondent's response should be read as a concession that habeas relief should be granted. But we do agree that the response is unfocused and difficult to comprehend. Thus, we will order the respondent to file a more focused and intelligible response.

IT IS ORDERED that the respondent shall file, on or before **January 7, 2022**, an answer and memorandum of law in accordance with the Order of May 26, 2021.

S/Susan E. Schwab
Susan E. Schwab
United States Magistrate Judge